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SUBJ: TENNECO FIVE

REF: ADDIS ABABA 5870

1. TENNECO'S BOGAN CALLED AT MIDNIGHT WITH REPORT JUST RECEIVED FROM BURTCHAE LL IN ASMARA. EARLY AFTERNOON MAY 27 CANWEST HELICOPTER CHARTERED BY TENNECO ARRIVED AT DESIGNATED RENDEZVOUS POINT WITH CANADIAN PILOT GRANT WYATT AND TWO LOCAL GUIDES. ELF GROUP PRESENT REPLACED TWO GUIDES WITH AMERICAN NURSE DEBORAH DORTZBACH CAPTURED EARLIER THAT DAY (REFTEL) AND ONE OF THEIR MEN. HELICOPTER THEN TOOK OFF FOR UNKNOWN DESTINATION.
2. BURTCHAE LL RECEIVED THIS INFORMATION FROM SECOND DIVISION IN ASMARA. IT HAS ALSO REPORTED THAT THE KIDNAPPING WAS A DELIBERATE ATTEMPT TO OBTAIN A DOCTOR OR NURSE AND THAT DUTCH NURSE WAS SHOT BECAUSE SHE REFUSED GO WITH KIDNAPPERS. NURSE PRESUMABLY WAS WANTED TO CARE FOR ONE OR MORE TENNECO CAPTIVES.
3. FOR OTTAWA. CANADIAN AMBASSADOR HERE HAS BEEN INFORMED BUT CANNOT CONTACT OTTAWA DUE TELECOMMUNICATIONS STRIKE. PLEASE INFORM CANADIAN GOVERNMENT OF ABOVE DEVELOPMENT. REFTEL BEING REPEATED TO YOU.

4. FURTHER INFORMATION WILL BE FORWARDED AS AVAILABLE. WYMAN
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